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TRACES BACKGROUND OF DULLES AND CIA--UNSUB

AGENTS WHO SEEK FACTS WHILE ENVOYS TALK

Richard Rendell, at 12:00 Noon over WMAZ (Washington):

"What has been termed The Parliament of Man, the United Nations, is meeting in San Francisco, California, this week. Great men are talking there about the greatest problem of them all, the problem of guaranteeing and insuring peace on earth. President Eisenhower and a number of men of state have spoken. Some of those, the Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, the British Foreign Secretary, Harold McMillan, they have had their say. Today, the French Foreign Minister, Antoine Pinay is to speak.

"And the men of state on Capitol Hill, in the House, and in the Senate speak about that problem daily. And a torrent of wordage flows in all world's capitals, in Moscow, Paris, Bonn, London, Tokyo, Madrid, and so on. Great decisions are to be made at the Big Four conference, where Mr. Eisenhower will meet with Sir Anthony Eden, Edgar Faure, and Marshall Nicolai Bulganin in Geneva, Switzerland, beginning the 18th of July. And there will be events following that, all having to do with this great problem.

"But all is not talk. There are silent men at work assiduously, trying in every way to penetrate the fog of uncertainty that fogs the future. Speeches and agreements have to be based upon fact, are the men of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, the spies, and the men who evaluate the information or intelligence that the spies bring in, have a very, very great responsibility in these days of international changes. For it is upon the basis of the facts that these men bring in and assess, that the national decision as to what American policy should be, will be based.

"The director of the Central Intelligence Agency is ALLEN DULLES. He is 62 year old, and he is the brother of the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. John Foster Dulles speaks in San Francisco tomorrow. Mr. Allen Dulles is a very easy man to see in comparison with other men of his rank in Washington. He likes to have callers, no matter how strange or unusual they may be, because he knows there is always the possibility that a caller will have something of value to contribute to his vast reservoir of information.

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"These are hours of strain for the CIA men. They have the job of finding out what the Communists are doing, and if they don't find out, there may very well be trouble. The Communist armies of China slipped into North Korea, across the Yalu River by the thousands before our people fully grasped what was going on. No one, for sure, can say where the blame for such carelessness should be placed. The Central Intelligence Agency, in that very bitter autumn in 1950, five years ago, was not as good as it is now. But other intelligence agencies, the military groups, State Department observers, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation detectives, apparently did not know entirely what was going on. There is a great need now to know what the government of Red China is doing in the way of troop and ship movements, and what supplies are being secured from the Russians, and so on. And there is great need to know what the military establishment of Russia is, and what it can do. Recent stories about the development of military aircraft by the Russians have proved provocative of deep thinking in this country. The ancient precept, 'knowledge is power', and another one, 'to be forewarned is to be forearmed,' and the like, apply with compelling force in the situation that prevails today. Remember Pearl Harbor.

"It is fashionable by some, to deride the American espionage system as a mere cloak and dagger outfit; and to say that the real job of determining the moves of our adversaries in the cold war is in the pallid hands of the analysis--the analyst, who read papers about trends. But the agents are out, and the quality of their performance means much.

"Their chief, Allen Dulles, is very frequently with President Eisenhower and others at the National Security Council. His relationship with his brother, John Foster Dulles, is close. For reasons that are obvious, there is little that can be revealed about the operations of the CIA. They are secret. The number of personnel is secret. The amount of money it has to spend is secret. It is so secret, that when a CIA employee goes to give blood to the Red Cross blood center, here in Washington, the employee is forbidden to give his or her name, only his or her age. An agent goes along with the donor to facilitate matters.

"And all that is set up and arranged because Mr. Allen Dulles knows his business from long experience. He has been a diplomat, a foreign agent, and a lawyer. He is a cheery sort of a chap, with a twinkle in his eye, a pipe quite often in his mouth. His appearance resembles that of his older brother, John Foster Dulles, but he is a bit more informal in his clothing. Both are sometimes described as Patricians. Their father was a Presbyterian minister in Watertown, New York, and both went to Princeton University. Both have made money in the law, and both have a ministerial streak in their behavior patterns.

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"Allen Dulles, shortly after graduation from Princeton, taught English for a year at Allahabad in India. That was in 1916. And later, he entered the foreign service of the Department of State, and he was assigned to Vienna, Austria. That was his first post. Later he was moved on to Berne, in Switzerland, in 1917, and it was there that he determined upon his policy of talking to any caller who comes in to see him. One night he became engaged, in Berne, Switzerland, with a stranger. They talked for a long time. They talked about the problems of the world as of that period. That stranger was none other than Nicolai Lenin, the master mind of the Russian revolution, who was about to leave Switzerland for Moscow. Mr. Dulles got some information of value out of that.

"It was in Berne, in Switzerland, too, that Mr. Dulles served as representative of the Office of Strategic Services, the predecessor of the CIA, in World War II. Berne was crowded with spies, agents, and undercover men of all sorts. It was a center for European resistance. Through an anti-Nazi intelligence man, Mr. Dulles learned of the conspiracy to assassinate Adolph Hitler, the Fuhrer. Mr. Dulles tried with might and main to get his superiors to give support to that enterprise, but the plot failed. However, Mr. Allen Dulles did succeed in saving the German that he had personally encouraged to get out of Germany with forged papers and an identification ring, all supplied by Mr. Dulles.

"Intelligence work in the Far East, though, can be far more elusive of success than in Europe. Few Americans, a pitiful few, understand the language of dialects and thought passages of the orientals. Our people engage the services of supposedly friendly, cooperative Asiatics, but they can never be sure the man hired will stand up under pressure. Until quite recently, though, the head of the OSS in the war, General Wild Bill Donovan was Ambassador in Thailand, it is to be presumed that he had something to do with setting up the operations now underway there.

"And so, as the able and distinguished men of state in San Francisco, in Washington, in London, and elsewhere, and even President Eisenhower himself search their conscience and their minds at the background, and when some of them are even making speeches, the anonymous men of the CIA are searching for facts. They search unknown, unhonored, and unsung."